

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Kent

SUBJECT : Director's Speech to the Senior Officers
Course at the Foreign Service Institute

The following information was given to me by Mr. Barber who is in charge of the course to which the Director is invited to speak on February 2. The student body is composed of nineteen senior foreign service officers, average age, 43 years; average education, 2 degrees apiece; average government service, 16 years. Barber says these people are real pros. In the weeks immediately preceding the Director's speech, they will have had a number of discussions of general foreign policy by people such as Herter and Acheson. They will have also visited Air Force Tactical Air Command and Strategic Air Command. At about the same point in the course, they will have discussions on our relations with our allies. Barber would particularly like for the Director to address himself to a comparative estimate of the Soviet and US power positions to the extent that this can be done under the intelligence tent. He would like for the Director to emphasize the places where we are weak or are strongly challenged by the Soviet Bloc.

The normal procedure for speakers at this course is to talk for twenty to fifty minutes followed by a five-minute break and a one-hour discussion period which does not necessarily involve questions and answers and may involve a fair amount of student participation.

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